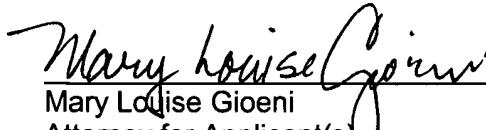


REMARKS

Claims 1-15 were filed with the application on April 11, 2001, and are currently pending. This amendment is being filed along with a Request for Continued Examination. Entry of the amendment and examination of the amended claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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